



Beech Termly Newsletter

Spring 1 – 2023

Starts Wednesday 4th January ends Friday 10th February



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and that all the children are now ready for a busy start to the Spring term. We have lots of exciting topics and learning planned for the whole class and the year 6 will start to build towards this year's SATS.

Our termly project will be geography based - 'Our changing world'

This term we will learn about features of the Earth, time zones and lines of latitude and longitude to pinpoint places on a map. We will then find out more about map scales, grid references, contour lines and map symbols. We will learn about climate change and the importance of global trade, study patterns of human settlements and carry out an enquiry to describe local settlement patterns.

Literacy

Our Literacy topics this term will be monologues, persuasive letters and poetry. You can support your child with daily reading and regularly practicing their spellings on Spelling Shed.

Maths

Our maths topics for the next 6 weeks will be 'Ratio', 'Algebra' and 'decimals'. Please support your child by accessing and practising on TT Rockstars.

Science

Our science topic this term will be 'Healthy Bodies'. We will learn how our heart, digestive, skeletal and muscular systems work. We'll also study the importance of a balanced diet and how to stay healthy.

Art and design

We will explore the artistic world of self-expression and discover how artists like Kandinsky, Picasso and Munch use different techniques to convey emotions and ideas.

Homework

The class have made a fabulous start to weekly homework, which will continue to be set on a Friday and collected the following Wednesday. New weekly spellings will be set each Monday.

PE

Our PE sessions will now be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The children can continue to wear PE kit for the whole day – preferably dark leggings, tracksuit bottoms or shorts and a white T-shirt.

DOJO and website

Try to keep an eye on Class Dojo and the school website for important dates and upcoming events. Feel free to contact me through Class Dojo or by phoning the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Head students and prefects

Harvey and Charlie are continuing to lead the school prefects as we expand their jobs and responsibilities around school.

Year 5 Widening Horizons Opportunities

We continue to be part of the 'Widening Horizons' project for our Year 5 students. This project will involve lots of visitors to school and some trips out. We hope to encourage the children to be inspired to become doctors, scientist or engineers. This project will help them to think about what they can do now, to start building towards their dream job in the future.

Important dates



Wednesday 4th January
Welcome back

Keep an eye on Dojo for any extra dates

Friday 10th February
Last day of term